

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

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1. Membership

The past year has been one of steady growth for the C.A.U.T. On almost every campus where there were CAUT members last May, the numbers have increased. The Association of the Teaching Staff, University of Toronto, recently became affiliated with the national organization; and there has been encouraging growth at some of the universities in the Maritimes. The total membership in the CAUT is nearing 2,000. Such a group ought to be a powerful force in the community of Canadian universities.

2. Activities

Up to this point, the CAUT has served mainly as a clearing-house for information. This information is of two kinds, and is dealt with in two ways.

a) There is information which is provided by the local groups or committees dealing with local problems. The CAUT has tried to establish it as a practice that such groups should send copies of their reports to the national secretary, who in turn sends one or two copies to the secretary of every local faculty association. For example the Queen's Faculty Association last year carried out an investigation, through a committee, of housing problems confronting its members. Copies of this Committee's report were sent to the CAUT secretary, and by him to all local secretaries - it being assumed that the findings of such a committee should be in the files of each faculty association.

b) On the other hand, there is information that has to do with professional matters in a more general way, and is likely to be of direct interest to all CAUT members. As

far as possible, such material is made accessible to all members. The "Income Tax Guide", the recently distributed article on "Educating College Teachers' Children in College", and the CAUT Bulletins are dealt with in this way.

One of the functions of a properly established national office would be to distribute such material directly to the members of the Association. Under present conditions such a course is impossible, and the secretaries of local faculty associations are asked from time to time to distribute CAUT materials among their local members. This task is of course an extra burden for such officials, and it must be said that - up to this point, at least - not one of them has demurred or complained.

In addition to distributing information in these ways, the national office keeps in touch - as far as possible - with salary matters at all Canadian universities, and attempts to keep the various local faculty associations informed about developments. Also, a start has been made towards filling another great need of our profession in Canada - the establishment of a CAUT library. There is a great deal of literature - in the form of books, reports, and periodicals - that is concerned with the nature, functions, government, and financing of universities, and it ought to be made readily available to Canadian university teachers.

3. Educating College Teachers' Children

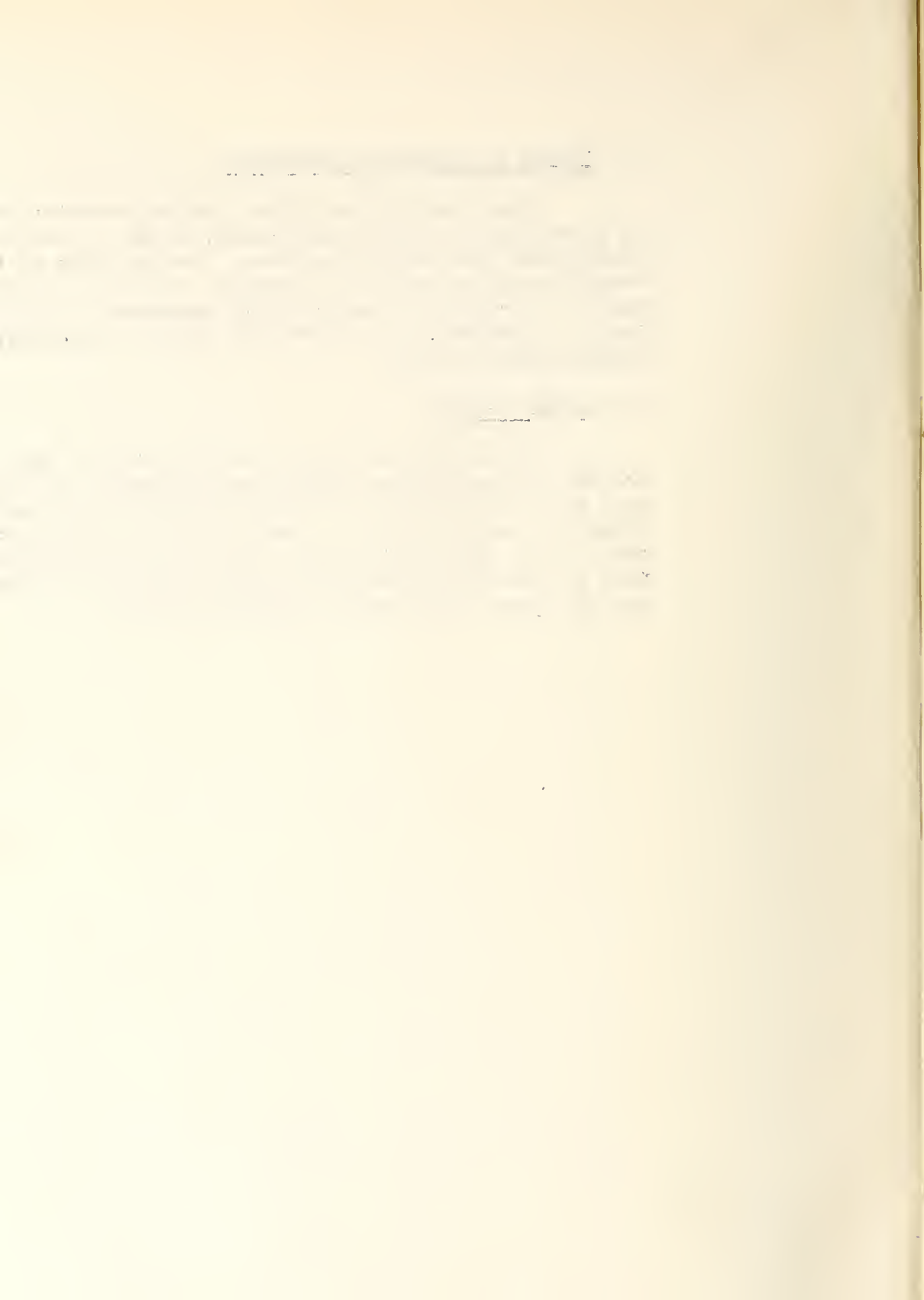
We have referred to the pamphlet on "Educating College Teachers' Children in College" which was distributed recently. This pamphlet - an offprint of an article that appeared in the Association of American Colleges Bulletin last December - deals with a subject that is of growing interest to both faculty members and administrators in Canada. The author dealt with this somewhat more extensively in an article in the American Association of University Professors Bulletin, Autumn, 1954, and at book length in a volume called Financing the College Education of Faculty Children (New York: Henry Holt, 1954)

4. Trends in University Government

Some time ago the United College Association set up a committee to make a preliminary study of trends in College and University Government. The chairman of the Committee was Dr. Walter E. Swayze. The report opens the way for discussion of an extremely important - if difficult - subject, and in addition provides excellent bibliographical data.

5. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the CAUT will be held in the Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto, on June 6th at 2 p.m. All members of the Association who can possibly attend are urged to do so. There will be a registration desk in the registration room in Hart House on the mornings of June 5th and 6th, from nine to eleven o'clock, and all members are asked to register there.





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